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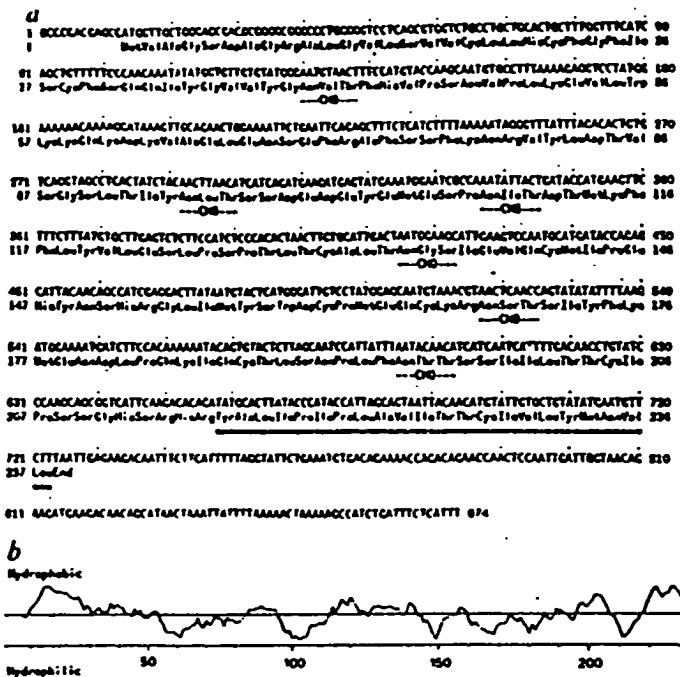


Fig. 3 a, Sequence of the LFA-3 cDNA. The sites of potential N-linked glycosylation are denoted by the symbol -CHO-; the hydrophobic carboxyl terminus is underscored. b, Hydropathicity profile of the amino-acid sequence in a.

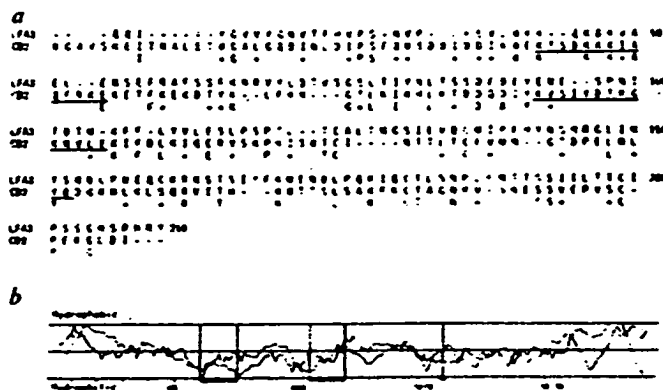


Fig. 4 a, Optimal alignment of the extracellular portions of LFA-3 and CD2 by the ALIGN program of the Protein Identification Resource (NBRF) (ref. 25). Conserved residues are displayed beneath the aligned sequences; asterisks were displayed if the residues were closely related. Epitope regions of CD2 identified elsewhere²⁸ are shown underlined. b, Superposition of the hydropathicity plots of LFA-3 and CD2. The amino-terminal sequences of both proteins were compared through the carboxy-terminal hydrophobic sequences. Solid bars denote the antigenic regions identified in CD2.

LFA-3 and CD2 using the ALIGN program of the NBRF sequence comparison package gave optimal alignment of the extracellular domains, as shown in Fig. 4. Monte Carlo simulation of the alignment of 500 randomly permuted variants of the two sequences gave a mean score 5.2 s.d. lower than the alignment score computed for LFA-3 and CD2, which corresponds to a probability of $\sim 10^{-7}$ for spontaneous occurrence of an equally good or better match between two proteins of identical composition²⁵. As the homology extends throughout the external domain of the two molecules, the proteins could be distantly related. An alternative explanation, that convergent selective pressures have shaped essentially similar molecules from dissimilar archetypes, requires that multiple structural features of the two molecules be selected. Alignment of the hydropathicity

profiles (Fig. 4) shows that, despite substantial divergence, the two proteins have strikingly similar gross organization. A precedent for the hypothetical ancestral progenitor may be found in the homotypic neural cell adhesion molecule NCAM, which adopts both phosphatidylinositol-linked and conventional transmembrane forms^{26,27}. Moreover, CD2 is significantly homologous to two NCAM segments of ~ 200 residues which span domains II and III, and IV and V (ref. 7 and A. F. Williams, personal communication). Thus the heterotypic lymphoid and homotypic neural cell adhesion reactions could share a common evolutionary origin.

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Monoclonal antibody and ligand binding sites of the T cell erythrocyte receptor (CD2)

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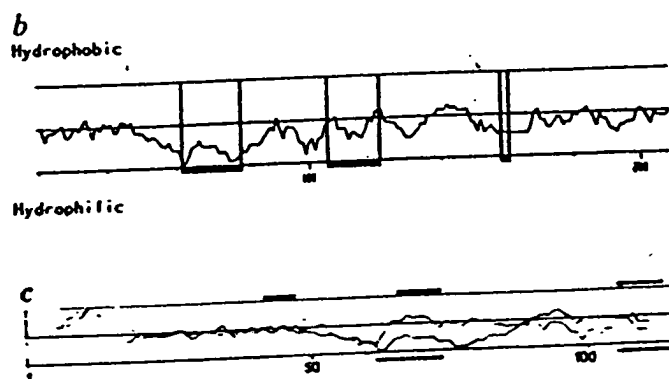
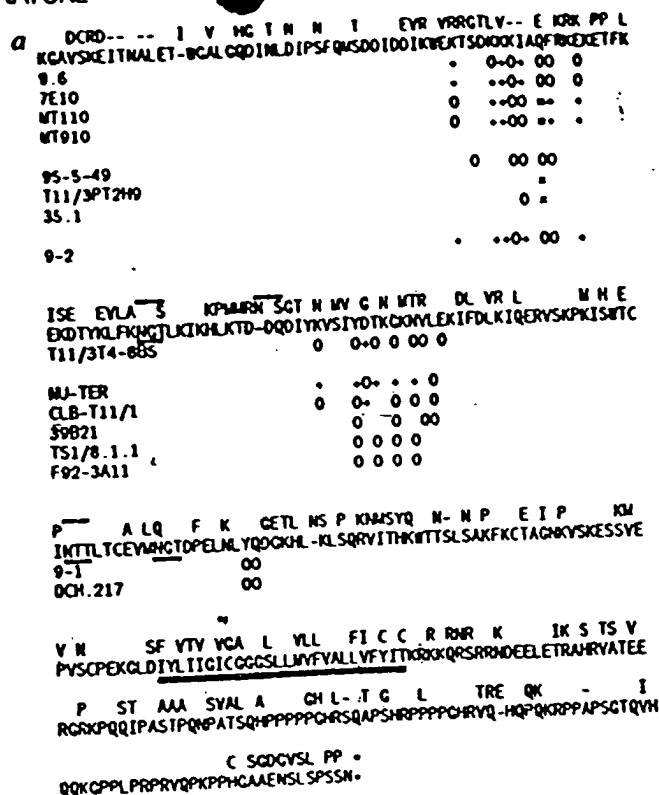
The human T cell erythrocyte receptor (CD2 antigen) allows thymocytes and mature T cells to adhere to thymic epithelium and target cells through a cell surface protein, LFA-3 (refs 1-3). Monoclonal antibodies recognizing CD2 can either block adhesion, or, in certain combinations, induce an antigen-independent T cell activation⁷⁻⁹. We have identified the binding sites for 16 monoclonal antibodies against CD2 by a rapid and generally applicable

Fig. 1 a. The primary amino-acid sequence of the human CD2 protein^{23,25}. The mouse sequence is shown above the human sequence only where it differs from the human sequence²⁶. The large bar indicates the extent of the transmembrane domain. The smaller bars above the amino-acid sequence indicate potential *N*-linked glycosylation sites in the mouse sequence; those below indicate potential sites in the human sequence. The antibodies used are shown along the left margin. The 0 symbol under the primary sequence indicates either that a mutant has a substitution at that position or that indirect immunofluorescence of a mutant obtained with another antibody showed loss of reactivity; + indicates retention of reactivity for all variants examined and = indicates that only a proline substitution at that position affects reactivity. **b.** Hydropathicity profile of the first 190 amino acids of CD2 (the extracellular domain) showing the location of the three epitopic regions. **c.** Superposition of the hydropathicity profiles of the first 115 residues of CD2 and the human immunoglobulin κ variable region, Vh (V-III) (ref. 31). κ V-region hypervariable sequences are shown as black bars above the profile, and CD2 ligand binding domains as black bars below the profile. Alignment of the domains shown gives an ALIGN score³² of 3.7 s.d. above the mean, corresponding to a probability of $\approx 10^{-4}$ for spontaneous occurrence of an equally good or better match.

Methods. The 600 nucleotides of CD2 sequence following position 63 of ref. 6 were synthesized in a collection of twenty 33-mer oligonucleotides, each overlapping its predecessor by three bases. The monomer reagents for the synthesis contained 95% of the wild-type base and 5% of a mixture of the other 3 bases at each position. A pool of mutants was obtained from each mutagenized 33-mer by oligonucleotide directed mutagenesis of ϕ H3MCD2 (ref. 27) as described^{28,29} except that AMV reverse transcriptase was used instead of T4 DNA polymerase. Mutants were selected following spheroplast fusion into COS cells. 48 h post-fusion the COS cells were removed from the culture dish using PBS containing 5 mM EDTA. Antibody incubations and washes were performed as described⁶. The cells were incubated with 0.1% by volume of the negative selection antibody, washed, incubated with $5 \mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$ of rabbit anti-mouse immunoglobulin antibody (Rockland), washed and incubated for 30 min at 37°C in 2 ml of 50% rabbit complement (Pel-Freez), 50% Dulbecco's media (GIBCO). After complement lysis the cells were washed, incubated with the positive selection antibody, washed and added to goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin coated dishes as described⁶. Cells adhering to the dish were lysed and the recovered plasmid DNA was transformed into *E. coli*. Mutants were identified by DEAE dextran transfection of COS cells in a 35 mm well with 20% of the plasmid DNA from a 1.5 ml miniprep. The cells were assayed sequentially for binding of the negative and positive selection antibody 48 h post transfection by indirect immunofluorescence. Mutants were sequenced using the chain termination method³⁰. In all cases the mutations fell within the span of a single oligonucleotide.

mutational analysis. The binding sites fall in three discrete regions: antibodies that participate in activation and block erythrocyte adhesion bind to the first region; antibodies that block adhesion bind to the second region; and antibodies that participate in activation but do not block adhesion bind to the third region. A large number of mutations selected for loss of antibody reactivity in the first two regions also weaken the CD2-LFA-3 interaction. Good agreement was observed between mutational lesions blocking LFA-3 binding and lesions blocking binding by activating antibodies, which supports the view that such antibodies induce T cell activation by mimicking the effect of LFA-3 binding. CD2 sequences that participate in LFA-3 binding correspond to immunoglobulin variable region hypervariable sequences when the homologous domains are aligned.

To isolate epitope loss mutants, COS cells were transfected with a pool of mutagenized plasmids, cultured for 48 hours, collected and sequentially treated with an anti-CD2 monoclonal antibody, rabbit anti-mouse immunoglobulin antibody, and complement. Because spontaneous deletion mutants arise frequently in COS cells^{10,11}, a positive selection step was included; the cells spared by complement treatment were treated with antibody recognizing a distinct CD2 epitope(s) and allowed to adhere to dishes coated with goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin antibody¹². Plasmid DNA recovered from the adherent cells¹³ was transformed into *Escherichia coli*, amplified, and reintro-

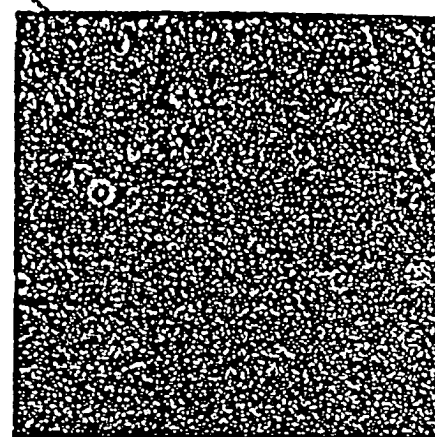
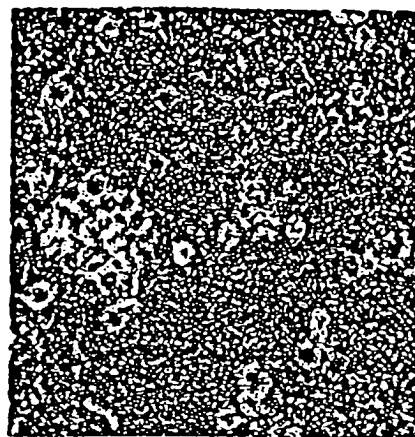
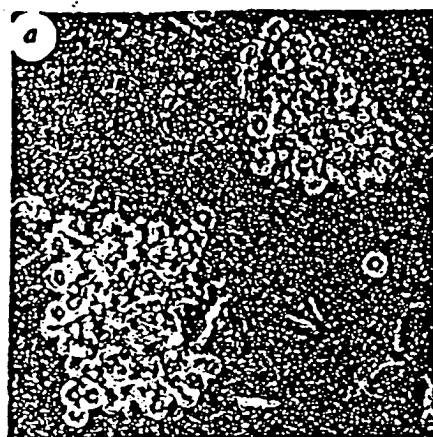


duced into COS cells for further rounds as appropriate. At the end of the selection process DNA from individual bacterial colonies was transfected into COS cells which were then scored for antibody binding. The antibodies used for mutant isolation are shown in Table 1. The results of the mutant selections are summarized in Figs 1 and 2.

The mutants are described below by a wild-type residue/mutant residue convention, so that Lys-48Asn, for example, means that the lysine at position 48 has been replaced with an asparagine. 114 Primary mutants were isolated, resulting in a collection of 47 different amino-acid sequence variants. The variation falls in three discrete regions. Region 1 is centred about Lys48 and contains mutations for the antibodies (9.6, 7E10, MT110 and MT910; group 1 antibodies) which, together with mAb 9-1, can induce IL-2 synthesis in T cells (B. Bierer and A.P., unpublished observations and ref. 14). All but one (9-2) of the other antibodies giving mutations in region 1 have been reported to induce IL-2 receptors but not IL-2 in collaboration with mAb 9-1 (ref. 14). Region 2 is centred about Gly95. Most of the antibodies recognizing region 2 have little effect on T cell activation when used with mAb 9-1. Region 3 is represented by a single mutation which causes loss of reactivity with both 9-1 and OCH217.

The ability of the mutant CD2 proteins to promote adhesion of human erythrocytes to transfected COS cells mediated by

a										b									
42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57				
Lys	Thr	Ser	Asp	Lys	Val	Ile	Asn	Gln	Pro	Arg	Lys	Glu	Lys						
Met																			
Asn																			
Glu																			



b Erythrocyte rosetting

Ser	Asp	Lys	Lys	Lys	Ile	Ala	Gln	Phe	Arg	Lys
+/-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+/-	-	-	-
+/-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+/-

Antibody 9.6 binding

Fig. 3 *a*, Adhesion of human erythrocytes to transfected COS cells. The left photograph shows wild-type rosettes, the centre shows partial rosettes and the right photograph no rosettes. Wild-type rosettes completely obscure the transfected COS cells, and are macroscopically visible. Partial rosettes are microscopically visible and leave some transfected COS cells exposed. Absence of rosetting was scored if the mutant was indistinguishable from a negative control (CD8 expressing COS cells), that is, no rosettes were found after careful scanning of the plate. *b*, sensitivity of erythrocyte rosetting and 9.6 binding to changes at specific amino-acid positions. + indicates that rosetting or binding is retained upon substitution at that position. +/- indicates that substitution has some effect, namely a partial rosetting phenotype or minimal effect on antibody binding. - indicates that rosetting or antibody binding is eliminated by a single amino-acid substitution at that position.

Gln51Pro. mAbs 35.1 and T11/3PT2H9 gave Gln51Pro exclusively when all 16 antibodies were used for positive selection. Because frequent isolation of Gln51Pro was observed with other mAbs, many of the mutants in the first epitopic region (Figs 1 and 2) were isolated using mAb 35.1 as the only positive selection antibody.

To isolate a 35.1⁻ mutant other than Gln51Pro, only the antibodies failing to bind to this variant were used for positive selection. Three cycles of enrichment gave a single 35.1⁻ Ile49Gln mutant altered in all three bases of the original codon. This unusual mutation suggests that the affinity of 35.1 antibody

derives from multiple conformational features of CD2, so that substitution for a single feature only rarely greatly decreases affinity. The Gln51Pro mutation may eliminate several of these interactions by gross alteration of the local secondary structure. Because the affinity of the 35.1 antibody is comparable to that of antibody 9.6 (ref. 16), the unusual mutational pattern of this antibody probably arises from a different type of binding and not simply from a stronger interaction.

Only one mutant was found with the two antibodies recognizing region 3, a Tyr140Asn and Gln141His double substitution. Both of these antibodies, however, react only weakly with the CD2 molecule expressed on COS cells, which compares with their weak reactivity with CD2 on unactivated T cells¹⁴. Previous activation of T cells or incubation with a group I antibody is necessary to make the 9-1 epitope available¹⁴. The rapid acquisition of mAb 9-1 reactivity suggests that it is caused by a conformational change in the molecule and not by *de novo* synthesis of a different species¹⁷.

To further study the interaction of antibodies with each of the two major antibody-binding regions, a large number of mutants were isolated using a CD2 preparation mutagenized by only one or a few oligonucleotides (Fig. 2; see also Fig. 1 legend). Mutants were obtained from such plasmid pools at a frequency of 75-100% after a single round of selection. This allowed a large number of amino-acid variants to be quickly isolated. In the first epitope region the antibodies 7E10, 9-2 and 9.6 were chosen for intensive study because they appear to contact many of the same amino-acid residues (Figs 1 and 2). Two of the antibodies can function, together with mAb 9-1, in T cell activation but the third (9-2) cannot¹⁴. Each antibody gave rise to a slightly different range of mutations (Fig. 2): the 9-2⁻ mutations span only 5 residues compared to 8 for the 7E10⁻ mutations and 10 for the 9.6⁻ mutations. 9-2 is the only IgM antibody which recognizes region 1, and its inability to activate could be due to a decreased affinity, or to steric interference with 9-1. A large number of mutants were similarly isolated in the second epitopic region (Fig. 2).

Table 1 Antibodies

Antibody	Isotype
9.6	IgG _{2a}
7E10	IgG _{2a}
MT910	IgG ₁
MT110	IgG ₁
95-5-49	?
35.1	IgG _{2a}
T11/3PT2H9	IgG ₁
T11/3T4-8B5	IgG _{2a}
9-2	IgM
Na-Ter	IgG ₁
CLB-T11/1	IgG ₁
39B21	IgG _{2a}
TS1/8.1.1	IgG ₁
P92-3A11	IgG ₁
9-1	IgG ₁
OCH217	IgM

A partial panel of anti-CD2 monoclonal antibodies was obtained. The first four antibodies (9.6, 7E10, MT910, MT110) can each induce IL-2 release from T cells expressing CD2 in the presence of antibody 9-1. A more complete functional analysis of the antibodies can be found in ref. 14.

* Antibody 39B21 is a rat monoclonal and all others are mouse antibodies.

Endoglycosidase H (Endo H) treatment of the LFA-3 precursor resulted in two bands of 29K (p29) and 25.5K (p25.5) respectively (lanes 1 and 2), but had no effect on mature LFA-3 (lanes 5 and 6). Therefore each LFA-3 precursor is composed of high mannose *N*-linked oligosaccharides which are resistant to endo H-resistant complex *N*-linked oligosaccharides. *N*-glycanase treatment of the precursor and mature forms of LFA-3 to remove the